In 1878 when Alexander Graham Bell established the first telephone exchange in New York City did the Justice Department petition to halt his installation on the grounds that his new device must also produce a hard-copy of each conversation? What would have happened to the telephone if they had? The world may seem like a more dangerous place today, but there have always been forces threatening the lives of the citizens of this country. Today we have the compounded threat of a bloated bureaucracy threatening the liberty of its citizen's. And if you don't think that the threat to liberty isn't as grave as the threat to life, imagine the progress this country would have made in the last 100 years without the telephone.